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A BRAVE MAN.

DEFIES FIFTEEN GUNMEN.

LONDON, May 5.

A midnight raid for arms was made on the residence of Sir Arthur Vicar in county Kerry. Sir Arthur was writing in his library when he was knocked up. Admittance was demanded in the name of the district inspector of police, but he refused to open. The massive doors were smashed in with sledge-hammers and axes. He found himself surrounded by a hundred men. Fifteen entered and demanded the arms which were in the strong room. The keys of this were refused, despite the fact that fifteen guns were levelled at his head. Asked if he were prepared to meet his God he replied "far better than you are." Ultimately the raiders' courage failed. The strong room had not yielded to their attacks. They decamped, after firing a pistol in the kitchen to frighten the servants.

RUSSIAN SOVIETS AND THE ARMENIANS.

LONDON, May 5.

The Times Constantinople correspondent says Baku surrendered after a brief bombardment by the Soviet fleet. Six thousand Bolshevik troops are occupying the town. Soviet agents are endeavouring to induce the Armenian dashnakists, who are behind the Erivan government, to accept Soviet control of foreign relations with Armenia in return for Soviet promises of internal independence. Furthermore they are offering military aid and the same territorial concessions as the Entente offered.

U.S. CAPITALIST WARNING.

LONDON, May 5.

A telegram from New York says the United States are facing an economic and industrial crisis. Work is slowing down owing to exorbitant wage demands. A leading New York banker prophesies a money panic unless drastic curtailments of credit for non-essentials are enforced.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

LONDON, May 5.

The fifth session of the council of the League of Nations is meeting in Rome on May 14 to discuss the arrangements for the first meeting of the assembly of the League, the League's budget and the constitution of a permanent commission on questions such as disarmament, under Article Nine of the covenant.

FRENCH COAL MINES.

PARIS, May 5.

The first shaft in the restored coalmines in the devastated regions has been opened at Amiche. It is furnished with all improvements for greatly increasing the output and capacity compared with prewar results.

AMERICA AND EUROPEAN POLITICS.

WASHINGTON, May 5.

Officials opine that the Knox motion for peace with Germany, to be debated in Senate to-day, is certain to be vetoed by President Wilson if it is adopted by Congress. The Senate has favourably reported on Lodge's resolution urging that the northern Epirus and twelve of the Aegean sea islands off the western coast of Asia Minor be awarded to Greece.

THE EMPIRE COMMITTEE OF PREMIERS.

LONDON, May 5.

In the House of Lords, Lord Haldane asked for the government's policy as regards the committee on imperial defence, and the committee's relation to the war staffs of the army, navy, and air force. He paid tribute to the committee as the most efficient way of bringing the dominions into consultation. The committee provided a roof where under the overseas ministers could come without the slightest sense of sacrificing their independence. He recommended the retention of the committee as an ideal organisation for affording intercourse and co-operation between the army and navy and as according more with the constitution of the empire.

Viscount Curzon, replying, said the committee was an advisory one and had no executive authority. It had thoroughly justified itself before and during the war. He denied that the war had found us unprepared. Our war-book was not only superior to anything of the same kind existing in any other country but the actual degree to which we had been prepared for all ensuing developments exceeded that even of our most able and scientific foes. The defence committee was not extinct but had not met in the last few years owing to the peace conference. The imperial communications committee was also actively operating. The scheme of future imperial defence must be largely suspended until all the treaties were drawn up, especially the Turkish. The defence committee's work would be co-ordinated with the British branch of the League of Nations. It would not be wise to indicate too definitely our imperial defence policy until after the weighty decisions of the forthcoming imperial conference. Some thought the effects of such a conference would be a form of imperial cabinet, either for war purposes or general.

EMPIRE TRADE EXHIBITION.

LONDON, May 6.

The president of the Board of Trade will shortly ask parliamentary authority to contribute £100,000 as a guarantee fund for the forthcoming British Empire exhibition, which it is proposed to hold in London with the object of demonstrating the resources and manufacturing capacity of the empire. The scheme was initiated by Lord Strathcona in 1913 and revived after the armistice. Two independent organisations with similar objects have agreed to amalgamate. A joint executive committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Lord Morris. The Prince of Wales has consented to act as president of the general committee. The Lord Mayor will shortly hold a public meeting at the Mansion House, formally to launch the project and invite contributions to the guarantee fund.

RUSSIAN ROYALTY INTERRED IN PEKING

PEKING, April 17.

A strange and somewhat weird echo of the members of the House of Romanoff in Western Siberia, in July, 1918, sounded in Peking yesterday. It will be remembered that after the murder of the Imperial Family at Ekaterinburg three Grand Dukes, one Grand Duchess and four of their servants were hurled to death down a coalmine near Perm. Shortly after the establishment of the Koltchak regime at Omsk search was made for the bodies of the royal personages. No traces were found of the Tsar and his family and investigations led to the conviction that they had been burnt, but the bodies of the three Grand Dukes and the Grand Duchess were found and recognized and given proper burial at Omsk.

The bodies buried at Omsk included that of the Grand Duke Michaelovich, who was in supreme command of the Russian artillery during the war. Foreign interest in this Grand Duke arose principally from the fact that his niece had married into the House of Battenburg. Another was that of the Grand Duke John, who was married to a daughter of the aged King Peter of Serbia; while the third was the Grand Duke Igor, brother of the Grand Duke John. The Grand Duchess was Elizabeth, sister of the Empress Alexandra of Russia, daughter of the Grand Duke of Hesse and, therefore, grand daughter of Queen Victoria. The Grand Duchess Elizabeth lost her husband in 1905, when, as Governor-General of Moscow, he was killed by a bomb.

The only other brother of the two Grand Dukes John and Igor, the brilliant Duke Oleg, was killed during the war, thus gaining the distinction of being the only prince killed in that great conflict.

The eight bodies arrived in Peking in a special car from the North late on Thursday evening, were carried on to Antingmen by train, thence being conveyed to the old Russian cemetery. The burial took place yesterday.

No one in Peking seems to know why the bodies were brought here or by whose orders. The bodies having been given decent burial at Omsk the Russians can offer no explanation. The Chinese Government was in no way concerned in the matter, while the Russian Legation had no knowledge of the incident until after the bodies had been interred. The explanation is thought to lie in the foreign interest which attaches to these close connections of the late Imperial Family. It is hinted that King Peter was the moving spirit in the transference of the bodies to Peking and that their stay at the Chinese capital will not be long.

KNIGHTHOOD HOAX.

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An extraordinary hoax on well-known South Lincolnshire agriculturists and public men in connection with an alleged award of honours was exposed by a telegram from Lord Stamfordham, the King's private secretary.

According to letters embossed with the Royal Arms, headed "Buckingham Palace," and purporting to be signed by Lord Stamfordham, a knighthood had been conferred on a farmer and the O.B.E. on nine other local residents.

The letter received by the farmer was:

"Buckingham Palace,
Monday, March 15, 1920.

"Sir,—

"I am commanded by the King to inform you that His Majesty has been pleased to approve of the award to you of the honour of Knighthood in recognition of your services to agriculture during the late war.

Further particulars will be forwarded.

"I have the honour to be, sir,

"Your obedient servant,
STAMFORDHAM."

Congratulations were showered on the supposed recipients. Later, however, doubt was thrown on the authenticity of the letters owing to the wording, and, in reply to a request for confirmation of the awards, the following telegram was received from Lord Stamfordham:

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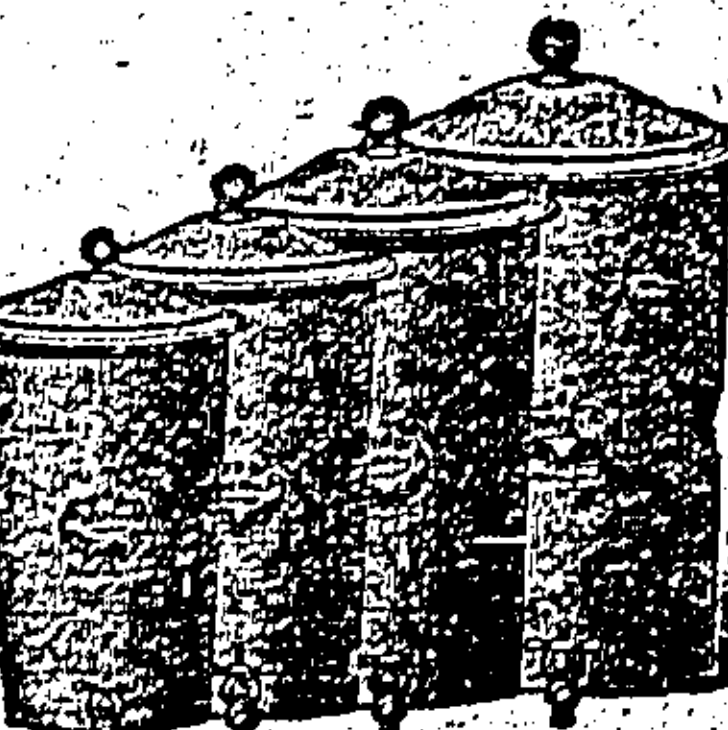
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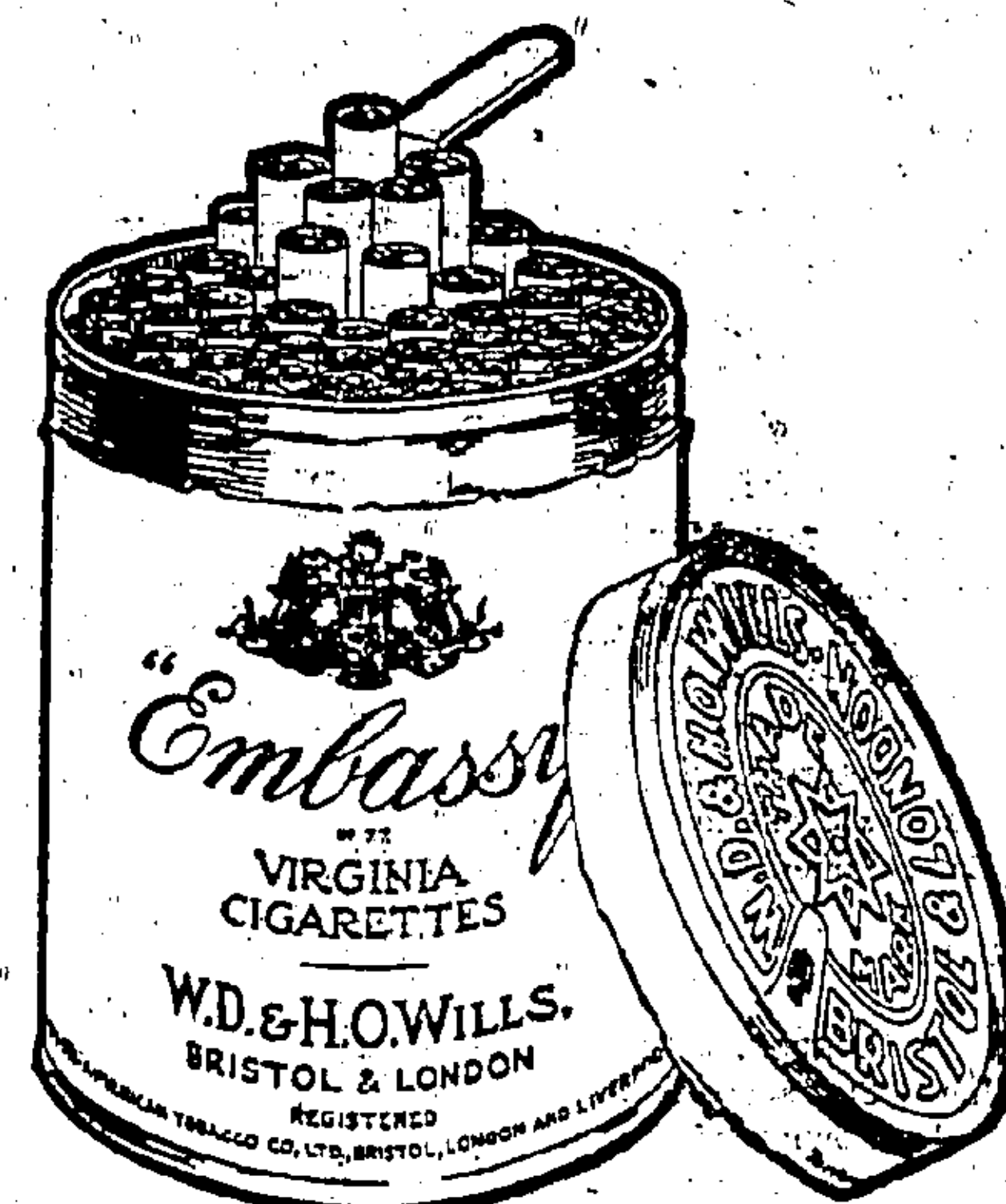


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CHINA TRADE.

IS GERMANY ATTEMPTING TO
RE-ESTABLISH HERSELF
IN CHINA?

INTERESTING THEORIES.

In view of the theories in general
circulation in the Far East as to the
measures Germany contemplates for
building up her Far Eastern trade
special interest perhaps attaches to
the statement recently submitted by
H. M. Consul-General at Tientsin
and published in London by the
Board of Trade. This relates to the
organisation of ex-compradores of
ex-enemy firms to deal directly with
Germany. It is reported that there
is plenty of capital behind this move-
ment. Owing to difficulties of ex-
change it is intended to transact
business on a barter basis and
through the medium of a firm in
Holland. The difficulties in the way
of carrying out this idea are very
considerable and do not appear to
have been fully realised, though it is
said that one large consignment has
already gone forward.There is probably some connection
between this development and the
facts reported from the Netherlands
that the Netherlands Trading As-
sociation (Nederlandsche Handels-
maatschappij), with the assistance
of one or two other Dutch banks,
have reached an agreement with a
group of German manufacturers for
the granting of a revolving credit of
60,000,000 florins for the sale to
Germany of raw materials, such, for
instance, as cotton, copper, and
wool. It is understood that this
agreement provides that half of the
manufactured articles produced from
the raw materials so imported are to
be re-exported to the Netherlands,
and to be disposed of by the above-
mentioned Dutch banking syndicate
for the account of the Germans, for
the purpose of redeeming the credit
on which the particular raw materials
in question were furnished. The
remaining 50 per cent. of the goods
may be disposed of freely by the
German manufacturers.Signs are not wanting of attempts
on the part of Germans to re-estab-
lish their trade by various means. More
than one British firm has received
proposals from pre-war correspon-
dents in Germany to resume busi-
ness relations on the same footing
as before; and an application was
even received by His Majesty's
Consul-General from a German pri-
soner-of-war in Japan for a recom-
mendation to a British firm in Tien-
tsin, who might require his services
as an expert in local produce. An-
other form assumed by the same
movement is the opening of a branch
of an American firm with a Teutonic
name and a local representative of
doubtful nationality. This firm has
recently made an application for
appointment as the local sub-agentof a British insurance company to
deal with Chinese business.The Far East, however, offers such
a wide field that British manufac-
turers should have little to fear from
German competition provided they
wisely exploit their opportunities.
The question of adequate representa-
tion in China is, of course, of im-
portance whenever trade
with China is considered. It is under-
stood that the British Electrical and
Allied Manufacturers' Association in
London has asked for a special report
regarding trading methods in China
in their particular line of business.
This Association, as a rule, does not
recognise any journal apart from its
own publication. The facts which
any such report may comprise are
not likely therefore to receive general
publicity unless the Association's
members are more communicative.
Nevertheless, in endeavouring to
obtain such report the Association is
on the right lines, and its action is
indicative of the increased interest
being taken in China trade.Official reports from Tientsin urge
manufacturers and exporters to take
a more liberal view as to the require-
ments of their representatives so that
the latter may increase their staff
sufficiently to develop the full poten-
tialities of the business, and the em-
ployment of a travelling inspector is
also suggested. Similar advice has
been consistently offered the manu-
facturer, and there is sufficient
evidence available to-day that firms
seriously tackling Far Eastern trade
are profiting by the suggestions. It
may indeed be taken as a fact to-day
that efficient representation will ex-
perience little difficulty in obtaining
support from suitable firms, and as
a general statement, such support is
more substantial than that America
offers her technical and commercial
representatives.H. M. Consul-General at Tientsin
mentions that representatives of two
combinations of British manufac-
turers recently visited this port and
while they differed in regard to their
views as to the best method, they
were in agreement as to the
necessity for decentralisation from
Shanghai. Of these, one interested
in steel and other metals and alloys,
wire rope, beltings, and packings—
has appointed different local firms
as agents for each of these commodi-
ties, and while he himself proposes
to spend six months of each year in
the Far East, two of which
will be in China, he has a permanent
representative in Shanghai to make
arrangements for supplying the re-
quirements of outport agents, and
also to pay periodical visits of inspec-
tion. For the present, this would
appear to be the best possible system.
It utilises the existing facilities for
trade possessed by firms long es-
tablished in a particular locality, and
all their knowledge of local con-
ditions and goodwill, and at the same
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to the ultimate consumer, under con-

OUR DECADENT AGE.

The Rev. F. B. Meyer painted a
gloomy and painful picture of the
decadence of the age in his pre-
sidential address at the Free Church
Congress at Leicester. The greed of
gain, the craze for pleasure, the
sensuousness and sporting instincts
of the modern women, and the drink
traffic all came in for scathing
condemnation. "The whole world
seems given up to the craving for
gain," said Dr. Meyer. "Scaring
prices, endless strikes, the profligate
vampire and the newly rich are
all symptomatic of the
recrudescence of materialism.
We are staggered by crimes of
violence due probably to the abnor-
mal excitement of the war. We are
confronted with race degeneration,
the immorality of fashion, the sen-
suousness of the dance, the substitu-
tion of spiritism for religion, and
the craze for amusement. The
ostentatious extravagance of the
profligate must give all thoughtful
people cause for anxiety." Dr. Meyer
continued: "The present craze for
recreation leads to crowded theatres
and cinemas, and stimulates the
appetite for the startling and the
sensational. Man is always
a fighting animal. Of late we
have had unpleasant explosions of
this spirit in degrading prize fights
more politely described as boxing
contests, which are patronised by
so-called ladies bent on emulating the
wives and daughters of the nobility
who crowded the Coliseum in the
darkest days of the Roman Empire." The
selfish spirit of modern labour
and the attempt to loosen the mar-
riage tie also came under Dr. Meyer's
ban. "The majority of our people,"
he said, "have less religion than the
Hindu or the Kaffir."stant supervision in the interests of
the producer. It is thus a compro-
mise between the old method of
simply appointing a Shanghai firm
as agent and the short-circuiting
method that is much discussed at
present, i.e., eliminating all foreign
middlemen and dealing with the
native merchant.There is no doubt that the Chinese
are taking an increasing interest in
direct business with foreign coun-
tries, and that the days are over
when a foreign merchant could re-
alise a large profit on every deal with-
out effort, and quickly amass a large
fortune out of all proportion to his
contribution towards the develop-
ment of trade. The number of
Chinese who have received a foreign
education, either in China or abroad,
is already considerable.It must be said, however, that
while the tendency towards direct
trading is increasing and must be
watched and taken into considera-
tion, the time is not yet ripe for it
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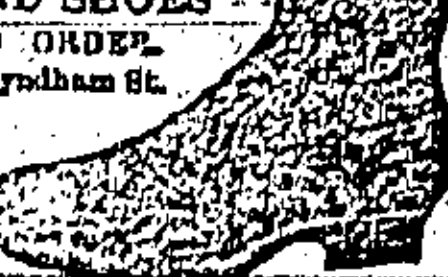
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By Order of the Committee,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

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By Order,
H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.
Kowloon, May 6, 1920.

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CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the 47th ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the Society will be held
at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4,
Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on
FRIDAY, 21st May, 1920, at Noon,
for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors together with
the Statements of Account to 31st
December, 1919, and of declaring
Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Society will be CLOSED from 8th
May to 21st May, both days inclu-
sive.

By Order of the Board,
C. H. P. HAY,
Deputy General Manager.
Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the 51st ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the Company will be
held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4,
Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on
FRIDAY, 21st May, 1920, at 12.30 p.m.,
for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Directors together with the State-
ments of Account to 31st December,
1919, and of declaring Dividends,
etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
8th May to 21st May, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. H. P. HAY,
Deputy General Manager.
Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the 54th ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the Company will be
held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4,
Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on
FRIDAY, 21st May, 1920, at 12.45
p.m., for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors together with
the Statements of Account to 31st
December, 1919, and of declaring
Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
8th May to 21st May, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. H. P. HAY,
Deputy General Manager.
Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING will be held at
the Company's Office, St. George's
Buildings, on SATURDAY, 22nd May,
1920, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of
presenting the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of Account
to 29th February, 1920, and electing
Directors and Auditors. The TRANS-
FER BOOKS of the Company will be
CLOSED from the 15th to the 22nd
May, 1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

JAPAN IN SIBERIA.

THE DEMANDS MADE ON THE
RUSSIANS AT VLADIVOSTOK.

THE NEGOTIATIONS.

In view of recent events at Vla-
divostok, and the Reuters-telegram
published that the Russians
had conceded practically all to the
Japanese the following narrative
reproduced from *The Japan Advertiser*
is particularly interesting:-
Tokyo, April 24.

A Bolshevik force of 4,000 has
been decisively defeated by the
Japanese in the region of Habarovsk,
according to a *communiqué* issued by
the War Office yesterday.

A detachment of the 14th Division
under Colonel Fukumizu, was sent
out in the direction of Krasno-
yarsk, and, being attacked by the
Russians, drove them off with heavy
losses.

The main forces of the enemy re-
treated to the south, many taking
boats down the river. The Russians
left 40 dead on the field.

The Japanese command in Siberia
is now negotiating with the Zemstvo
Government at Vladivostok regard-
ing a new set of five demands pre-
sented by the Japanese. These de-
mands will increase the control of
the Japanese over the military situa-
tion in Eastern Siberia. According
to a long statement issued by the
War Office yesterday, explaining the
negotiations, the Japanese demands
are:-

1. All Russian troops or armed
bodies, irrespective of the political
party to which they belong, shall be
withdrawn from (a) 30 kilometres
around any district occupied by
Japanese troops; (b) 30 kilometres
on the eastern and southern sides
of the Ussuri trunk railway line, and
on the Russo-Chinese frontier; (c)
30 kilometres from the terminus and
right side of the Suchang branch line
inclusive of the colliery line.
2. A fixed number of Russian
police force may be stationed within
the areas above mentioned for the
maintenance of peace and com-
munication.
3. All Russian warships and other
naval ships, arms, ammunition, other
war supplies, war machinery, war
factories, depots, barracks, etc., shall
temporarily be taken over by the
Japanese troops.
4. The restoration of transport
and communication with the areas
mentioned above should be carried
out as soon as possible. The Japanese
will assist in the work of restoration.
5. For the speedy carrying out of
the conditions mentioned, a Russo-
Japanese committee shall be ap-
pointed.

COUNTER PROPOSALS OFFERED.
The Russians replied with the fol-
lowing counter proposals: That an
immediate armistice be concluded;
that the Japanese troops be with-
drawn from the Amur region and the
city of Habarovsk; that the Rus-
sians retain the factories needed for
repairing transportation facilities
and also ships to guard the coast
and war materials.

According to the War Office state-
ment, the Russians, at the opening
of the negotiations, made the fol-
lowing proposals:-

1. The Japanese, before entering
on negotiations for future arrange-
ments, will accept the conditions ex-
isting before April 4 as the basis of
their future action and confirm the
recognition of the terms previously
agreed upon by the representatives
of the Governments of Russia and of
Japan.
2. The Japanese are not to inter-
fere in Russian internal affairs.
3. The Japanese will release all
Russian prisoners, and restore
occupied camps.
4. The Japanese are to return all
property seized.
5. The Japanese are to withdraw
all railway and telegraph guards,
leaving only such of them as may be
absolutely necessary to enable the
Russian Provisional Government to
resume operations.
6. The Japanese are to return all
arms captured.

ASKS RUSSIANS' MOTIVES.

Before proceeding to discuss the
Russian proposals, Major-General
Takayanagi who is representing
Japan in the negotiations, asked to
know the real reasons that prompted
the Russian authorities to make the
present negotiations. He also asked
whether they would recognize the
agreement signed by the Russian
Provisional Government on April 5.
The Russian representatives replied
in the affirmative.

At the meeting conducted on April
18, Major-General Takayanagi, ad-
dressing the Russian representative,
said that the Russian Provisional
Government had criticised the atti-
tude of the Japanese military com-
mand in Siberia without regard for
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into the Godowns and/or extra
hazardous Godowns of Holt's
Wharf, Kowloon, whence delivery may
be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the Godown, and
all goods remaining undelivered after
5th May, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must
be presented to the Undersigned on or
before May 12, 1920, or they will not
be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns
where they will be examined on any
Tuesday or Friday between the hours
of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the
free storage period.

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Hongkong, April 29, 1920.

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AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or
from the wharves delivery may be
obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
11th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Undersigned
on or before the 18th inst. or
they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
11th inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned
by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Agents.
Hongkong, May 5, 1920

KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART
MAATSCHAPPIJ.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SINGAPORE, PENANG &
BELAWAN DELI.

THE Steamship

"VAN WAERWYCK,"

having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo by her are notified
that all goods are being landed at their
risk into the hazardous and/or extra
hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong
& Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,
whence and/or from the wharves deli-
very may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 13th May,
1920, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged
packages are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
12th May, at 10 a.m. by Messrs.
Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be
presented in writing within ten days
after arrival of steamer, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by
the undersigned in any case whatever.

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Agents.
Hongkong, May 6, 1920.

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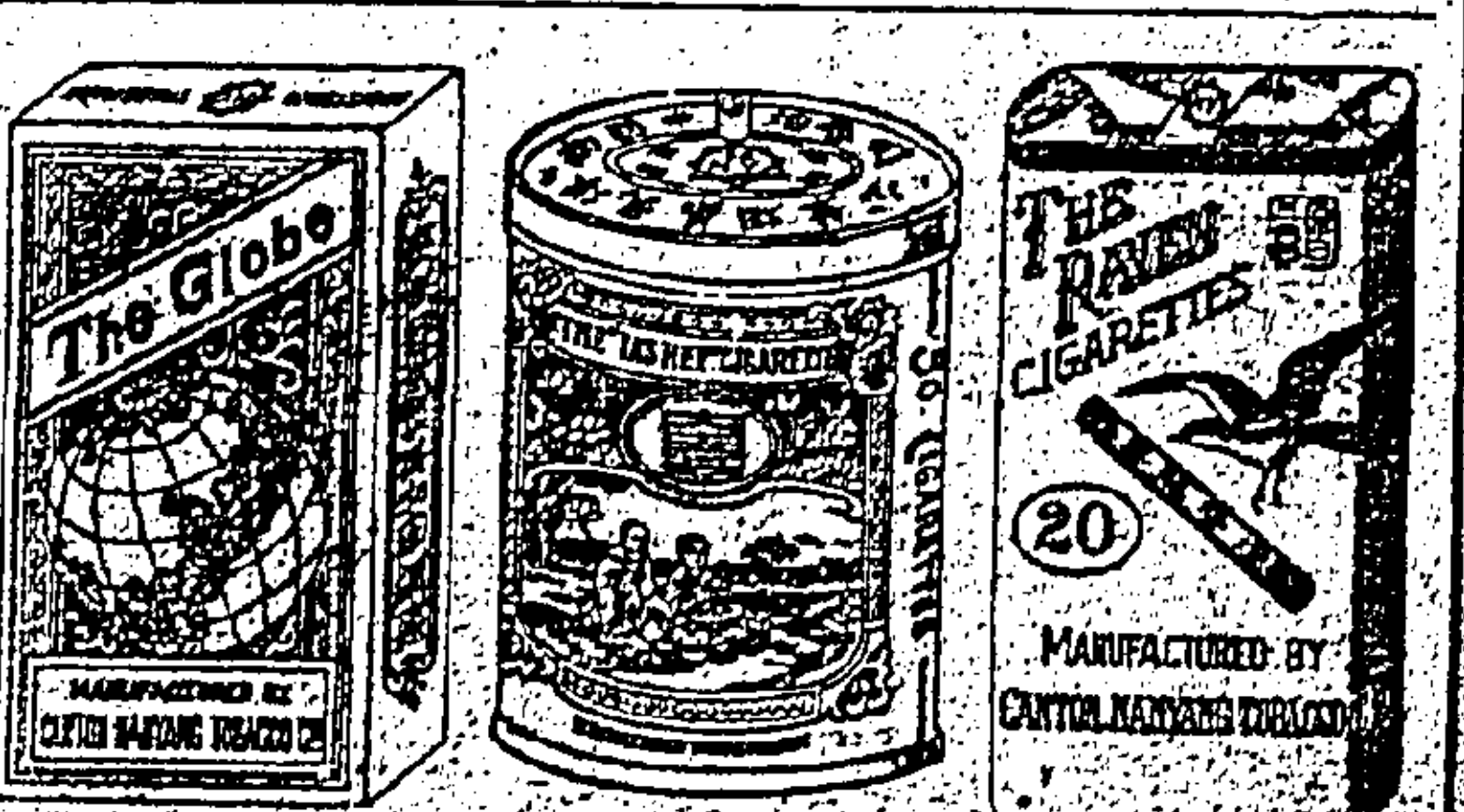
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1930.

THAT ASS THE LAW.

A quotation that seems to force itself upon us with unwelcome frequency is that of Baron Bramwell, who said that anything which is not common sense is probably not good law. It presents itself too often as a stupendous sarcasm, for the consensus among common men is that strict law is but rarely sensible. We have in mind at the moment a magisterial opinion that goods on which import duty has been already paid, on being exported and re-imported must and ought to pay import duty again. We can see, of course, that it would never do to pass too easily any claim by a detected smuggler that the goods he carries have been in before and paid duty. The onus should be upon him to prove, or at least give satisfactory evidence to show, that such was the case. But here, if we did not misunderstand him, if he was correctly reported, we have a magistrate who thinks that there should be no limit to the number of times the same goods, assuming them to be the same goods, should pay import duty. We find ourselves strongly disagreeing with the notion. That could never have been the intention, whatever the letter of the law may read. It would mean a quite improper infringement of the freedom of the individual property owner. If you take a bottle of whisky to Macao, said the magistrate to the lawyer, "and bring it back with you, you must pay duty on it." The lawyer dissented. So do we. So would any person of ordinary commonsense. Every pipe-smoker making such a trip takes care, we presume, to have his pouch well-filled, so that he will not run short and have to smoke some unsatisfactory substitute for his favourite form of the weed. Deponent, for one, carries a four-ounce pouch, and returns with (say) two and a half ounces. Ought he to pay duty on that surplus? If he should pay on an unused bottle of whisky (though how any man could take a bottle of whisky on that trip and not use it we cannot see) he should also pay on his unused tobacco. The argument is beyond all simple reason. We are carefully refraining from any comment on the merits of the particular case which occasioned these magisterial and

the Adversarian's caught. How make good bricks when lacking straw? Quo vivis? Quo vadis? And Bin caw?

Hongkong has two cold seasons. There is the cold season of December and January, when you get your overcoat back from the Dairy Farm, and are glad to have it. And there is the cold season of April and May, when everybody catches one. It is quite easy. The night before you step out of a friend's house, after a good dinner, feeling as fine as the night looks. You feel so fine that you walk on your heels, and that is so good that you rebuff the rich-man and carry on till you perspire gently. Arrived home you sit awhile under the fan, or in a draught, cooling off, and that feels good also. In the morning, when you wake up, your head feels like a hub of sub-things solid and heavy, and you dole out a dab whether the office is open or not. Your eyes smart, your nose runs, and you develop a cough. Every fool you meet tells you a good cure for it, and you have everybody, and wish you were dead, at end of it all. But the other eight months of the year at Hongkong are all right, except to buy local shares in.

There are quite a lot of people after the old office. Public interest in the sale is keen, everybody wondering what will be put up there. There was some talk at one time of a very rich Canadian contractor putting up a high block of offices, with half a dozen lifts, and a roof restaurant. American fashion; but it looks as if he was scared off by our local conservatism. We have to do those things that "aren't done."

The dead silence that was the response to CANTERBURY, our appeal for opinions from the lower deck about the naval canteen question persuades us that it is a matter that cannot be allowed to wait. After all, when we shift the Navy Yard to Mirs Bay, and the Military Garrison to the New Territory, which seems the proper thing to do, the problem will have solved itself. Meanwhile, let Hongkong remain a blot on the picture, as the Admiral said it was.

The proposition is that in the razzle-dazzle method of throwing dice, anything, a pair of threes, for instance, beats five aces. The argument is that five aces are five jokers, five nothings, that an ace has no value except as a doubler of some real number. The story is that when shaking for drinks a well-known sportsman threw four aces and a two. That was five twos. He picked up the two, and threw it, hoping for something higher. It came two again. He reckoned that he couldn't fail to improve, and threw it again. This time it came ace. His opponent threw a pair of threes, and left it at that. "You sign," said he. When it was at last seen that he meant it seriously, bets were made, and the matter referred to a newspaper in New York, where this form of dice-throwing was said to have been "invented." New York replied that five aces were no score. Any rule that is a rule is good, when generally accepted; but this is nonsense. As in the old English game of "hazard," the comparative difficulty or smaller chance of throwing certain combinations gives those combinations their value. The odds against five aces are higher than against four aces and one other, therefore five aces should be "high." If Hongkong clubs are going to follow New York ruling, like sheep, then we had better stick to poker dice, in which five aces is the highest possible throw. Moreover, we call attention to the fact that the man who won the bet was an outlaw. He watched his opponent changing five twos into five nothings. He knew that his opponent did not know this extraordinary method of counting, and failed to warn him. On that alone the decision goes against him. No sporting debt is rightly payable to a cheat.

ADVERSARIA.

"W.M." rails, as CHACKEN A far as a postcard's SON GOES. space allows, at the last two days' Adversaria. He says that sort of stuff wasn't what he paid for, and that if there is to be any more of it, and we let him know, he will save his ten cents. We must see about printing him a special edition, all to himself. Some of these people expect so much for their ten cents, and forget that there are others. We know "W.M." what a large-hearted, lavish fellow he is. He would give anybody, no matter who, a biscuit for a barrel of flour, and in his most generous moment, if he had two apples, one red, one green, he'd eat the red one and keep the other for himself. So far as we are concerned, if he can manage to borrow a kettle, beg some water, and sneak the fire, he is welcome to go and boil his calf's head. It is a pity we said calf's head, for it bars a necessary reference to casting pearls before swine.

He wants, he says, some LOCAL spicy pars. on local NEWS. things and people. Just so. The taste for strong cigars, as pointed out a stepple-Ginger hidden in the duck word, a laugh in every line: a note of what the "Thesman" calls "the bird"; the sparkle of good wine. We know. We're eager to oblige, and push the homoeopoe pen; but when there's nothing doing at all, how can we do it then? The local field is very dull. This is the time the rains are on. The highbrows are all sheltering, and even old Sir Paul has gone. The Government does nothing wrong in fact, it's busy doing naught; and every day seems sad and long. That's how

Northcote's high-handed methods were liable, we thought, to put labour's back up. They who were in no way interested would sympathise with bullied men, would resent such lordly ways of handling them. We guess some of them did. When the prosecution was announced, in the circumstances reported, we got ready. We realized that the law was being intrigued as a strike breaker, which is wrong. They make no bones of discharging these boys when they want to, without notice. And the words so incautiously used by Mr. Northcote obviously amounted to dismissal. "Take it or get out" would be enough for us. We would not need telling twice. Happily, in Mr. N. Smith we have a very level-headed and fair minded magistrate. He has the right idea of his functions. We have frequently noticed it. He has taken the same view, and made the charge a wash-out. It should never have been brought. It wasn't sporting. Now let us have any future wage disputes decently discussed as between men and men, not as between aerts and tin-gods. They will be settled sooner that way.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4s. 4d.

The N.Y.K. freighter "Tsuyama Maru" left Hongkong for Havana, Cuba, and New York, via Panama Canal, yesterday afternoon.

The big P. and O. cargo carrier "Kiddierport" left this port at daylight yesterday morning, on her northern run to Japan ports, calling at Shanghai en route.

In connection with the case reported in the *China Mail*, in which a Chinese was convicted on a charge of obtaining various sums of money by false pretences, and riding letter boxes, the sentence was six months' hard labour and not six weeks.

"NIGHTIE NIGHT" AGAIN.

The clever farce "Nightie Night" presented by the Dennistons Players at the Theatre Royal last night, was an "unqualified" success, and met with the approval of the audience, which, though not quite as large as on the previous occasion this play was presented, was numerous enough to fill the house with laughter at the extremely funny situations in this play. As we have dealt with the story of the farce previously, we will not repeat it again, but in regard to the acting, the players, if anything were in better form than on the former occasion. Miss Wanda Howard and Miss Florence Chapman had the best opportunities in this farce and each made the most of them. The costume worn by Miss Howard in the second and third acts was extremely fetching. Messrs. Leo Kennedy and William Augustin enacted their respective parts very creditably, and are among the best actors who have ever shown here. Action is the keynote of this, as well as of the other Dennistons farces, and is well sustained throughout.

A farce is again being presented by the Company to-night—"The Unkissed Bride," very racy and funny. This play ran in New York, it is said, for several months, and is said to be a great play for displaying the talents of the leading lady, upon whose shoulders fall the responsibility of being on the stage almost all the time. From our observation of her versatility, in drama as well as in farce, we have no doubt that Miss Howard will live up to the responsibility to the limit.

BRITISH NAVAL FORCES ON CHINA STATION.

The composition of the British Naval Forces in Chinese and Pacific waters is officially announced as follows:

H. M. S. "Hawkins," light cruiser, Flagship of the Commander-in-Chief.
5th Light Cruiser Squadron:
H. M. S. "Cairo," "Carisbrooke," "Columbo."
Submarines: 1 flotilla of 12 boats, and 2 depot ships.
Sloops 4, Gunboats for river work 14.
Aircraft carrier, H. M. S. "Ark Royal."
Special service vessel: 1 (Admiral's yacht).
All of the above vessels are present on the China station except the H. M. S. "Ark Royal," the aircraft carrier, which has been serving in Turkish waters and is now returning to England to be prepared for service on the China Station.

CAUSE OF DESPONDENCY.

DESPONDENCY is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and quickly disappears when Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is taken. These tablets are for sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SPECIAL CABLE.

SHANGHAI STUDENTS.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, May 7.
The French concession police have closed the headquarters of the students' unions, also of associated bodies.

BANKRUPT JEWELLERS.

SHERIFF BROS. INSOLVENT.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Acting Chief Justice, in the Bankruptcy Court this morning, the Official Receiver, Mr. J. D. Lloyd, conducted the public examination of Mr. S. L. M. Sheriff, managing partner of Sheriff Bros., jewellers, Queen's Road Central.

Mr. S. L. M. Sheriff stated that with his three brothers holding equal shares with him, he started a jeweller's business in Ceylon and in 1907 opened in Hongkong, with a capital of Rs. 30,000. The premises were first situated in Kowloon, and the present shop in Queen's Road Central was bought from a Japanese about five years ago. The capital was increased by \$10,000, a present to them in equal shares from their father. He first began to borrow money in Hongkong about five or six years ago when the Japanese business was bought, and during that period borrowed sums of \$2,000 or \$3,000 on promissory notes with no security. To Long Hing he owed \$20,000, and from Mr. H. Runton he borrowed \$1,200 a week before he put in his petition. At that time he knew he could not carry on so he pledged goods to Mr. Runton as a guarantee of payment. He also owed money to Mr. Greenfield which he borrowed to meet bank bills. He paid Mr. Greenfield daily with what he had available from the shop. Mr. Greenfield brought an action against him for \$8,000 and he paid him \$3,150. He did not pay the balance but gave Mr. Greenfield some goods which were handed over last year to Mr. Greenfield who still retained possession of them. In December of last year the shop was burgled and \$7,000 in cash was stolen, apart from jewellery which made his loss about \$16,000 or \$17,000. He had never struck a balance sheet to see whether he was solvent or not, but he had been able to pay his way until December, 1919. All he drew from the business himself was \$30 or \$40 a month and his household expenses.

The Official Receiver asked that the public examination be closed and applied for immediate adjudication and the appointment of a trustee. The creditors had agreed to the appointment of Mr. H. Percy Smith and suggested that the remuneration should be according to the usual Court scale. His Lordship asked what security would be given. The Official Receiver thought \$10,000 would be sufficient as it would cover the amount of money the trustee would have in his hands at one term.

The Official Receiver pointed out that two of the partners were out of the jurisdiction of the Court. He took it that the Court could not grant adjudication in their case.

His Lordship replied that it was impossible as he had no power to do so, but he thought he could make the order against the firm and that would include the partners who were here.

His Lordship accordingly made the order and appointed Mr. H. Percy Smith trustee.

WRECK OF THE "SONGMA."

ASHORE IN HONG HAN BAY.

The s.s. "Songma," 534 gross tons, commanded by Captain Alexis, which plies between Hongkong and Haiphong, and which struck a reef in Hong Han Bay, is reported to have her holds and engine room full of water, and news was brought in by a Chinese steamer from the scene of the wreck, this morning, that she had sunk.

Salvage operations have been conducted from Haiphong, the s.s. "Hanoi," also owned by Messrs. P. A. Lapicque and Company, the operators of the "Songma," having been despatched from Haiphong, and the order for a tug from Hongkong was cancelled.

It was believed at first that the steamer could be saved, as the Captain reported that if furnished with a tug he could proceed to Hongkong under tow. The inclement weather prevailing in the meantime, however, has evidently made this impossible. About half the cargo is undamaged and is being lightered off onto junks standing by. The rest will be damaged, if not made a total loss, by the sea water in the holds. The lone passenger, a Chinese, has been transferred ashore. The mail being carried by the "Songma" arrived in Hongkong to-day. The story that the vessel had sunk has not yet been confirmed to Messrs. Lapicque and Company, by wireless from Hanoi, as the communication is subject to delay. Word is expected either to-night or to-morrow as to the present plight of the ship.

EUROPEAN IN TROUBLE.

PLAYING THE POLICEMAN.

At the Magistracy, before Mr. N. L. Smith, yesterday afternoon, an interesting case was heard when a European named J. A. Reynolds, a native of Vancouver, B.C., and employed as overseer on the Kowloon-Canton Railway, was charged at the instance of Inspector Willis, with impersonating a Police Officer for the purpose of gaining admittance to No. 15, Lee Yuen Street, East, and performing a duty a Police Officer alone has power to perform.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the defence. Inspector Willis said the defendant prior to taking his present billet with the Kowloon-Canton Railway, was a Sanitary Inspector, and before that, he served in the Naval Yard Police, from which force he resigned with a very good character.

Proceeding, Inspector Willis said the defendant also did odd jobs for the Grand and Hongkong Hotels. He first came under the notice of the Police on April 30. At 1.40 p.m., on that day he received a telephone message from the Hongkong Hotel to the effect that the defendant had visited the hotel and said that he was a Detective Inspector, and had a warrant for a bandsman employed by the hotel, whose house he had instructions to search for opium. He had a Chinese with him, but the Police had been unable to trace this man. After interviewing the bandsman, the defendant took him away with him. The defendant was alleged to have gone to No. 16, Lee Yuen Street, and, according to the woman who occupied the premises, he turned the flat upside down, searching for opium. He then took the Filipino bandsman to a house in Wanchai where he also represented himself to be a Police Officer. Having received complaints of the defendant's doings, the Police made enquiries, and subsequently went to Beaconsfield Arcade, where the defendant lived, and arrested him. He was taken to the No. 7 Police Station, and charged. The Inspector said he could produce evidence to prove the search the defendant made at No. 16, Lee Yuen Street, and also witnesses to prove that the defendant did not belong to the Police Force.

Gertie Jang, concubine to the bandsman of the Hongkong Hotel, previously referred to said that on the day in question she was at breakfast with her family when defendant entered the premises and went into her room. She had never seen defendant before. Defendant was accompanied by a Chinese whom he ordered to guard the door and not let anybody go out. He was in the room for a few minutes and then ordered the Chinese to open the boxes and search them. She did not stop him. Defendant told her he came to search for opium. He wanted her to give some opium which she never had. Defendant waited in the house till her husband came and then searched him. Defendant had threatened to kill her if she did not give up the opium. He also spoke to a Filipino woman who was living in the house. He used very bad language and later left the house with her husband and the Filipino woman, whose passport he took and retained for two hours. He also told the Filipino woman that if she wanted to meet him she was to go to the Hongkong Hotel at 8 p.m., otherwise he threatened to call for her. He did not produce any warrant.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada witness said she had not seen the Chinaman before. Mr. Noel White, Assistant at the Hongkong Hotel, stated that at about 1.30 p.m. on April 30, defendant came to the hotel with the bandsman and a Chinese. Defendant wanted to know whether the bandsman belonged to the hotel staff and witness asked him why he wanted the information. Defendant replied that he was going to arrest the man for being in possession of opium. Witness asked him what he was and defendant replied that he was a Detective Inspector.

Mr. Smith: Are you sure of that?—Witness: Yes. I asked the Chinaman whether he was in the Detective Department and he said "Yes." Mr. Reynolds then told me, "I am taking this man away." I telephoned to the Central Police station and they sent Inspector Willis down.

Continuing witness said that he took the Inspector to the bandsman's house. Defendant had been employed at the hotel as an Assistant Bar man. He left the job of his own accord.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada witness said that as far as he knew defendant had been quiet at the hotel. He did not know whether the bandsman knew defendant. He had not seen the Chinaman before.

Mr. Smith: Are we going to see this Chinaman?

Sergeant Willis: No, we cannot find him.

Mr. d'Almada: I put it to you that he said "I am acting as a sort of a detective in connection with this opium for the Chinaman."

Mr. White: I am certain he said he was a detective inspector.

In the hearing of the bandsman?—Yes.

Does the bandsman understand English?—I do not know.

There was no disturbance in the hotel?—No.

A "GAY" SAMPAN PARTY.

A Chinese who said he was a carpenter, was this morning charged before Mr. R. O. Hutchison, at the instance of Sub-Inspector Davis with disorderly conduct on board a sampan at Apichau, and causing damage to a lot of clothing and other property.

The defendant admitted the charge, but said he had indulged rather too freely in *samsu*, and got gay. Asked to relate the facts of the case, Inspector Davis said he received a report that a man was running amok on board a sampan and went to the scene. Here the defendant was handed over to him, together with a lot of tattered clothing (produced) some of which was torn to ribbons. This clothing, the boat-people alleged, was destroyed by the defendant.

Defendant: I did not cause so much damage. Some of the clothing might have been discarded long ago, and brought up to the Court to give colour to the case against me.

Mr. Hutchison: Was the defendant drunk?

Inspector Davis: I will not say that he was, but he might have had a good yam.

His Worship: What did he go on board for?—I don't know, your Worship.

A young boatwoman said the defendant came on board to pay a visit. He was asked to have a meal on board and did so. Defendant took a little to much *samsu* during the meal and became objectionable. After a while, not satisfied with improper remarks, he acted indecently towards her. She remonstrated with him saying "You should not shame me before the others." The defendant got angry at this, and slapped her face. When the other people interfered, the defendant ran amok, tearing their clothing and breaking up things.

Defendant: I became a little gay after the meal and suddenly several people pounced on me. One man took hold of a chopper and was going to cut me with it. I fought desperately in self defence and damaged their clothing in the process. I was not acting indecently towards the girl.

Mr. Hutchison imposed a fine of \$1 and ordered him to pay the complainant \$5 as compensation.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Ho Tong of No. 170 Temple St., Kowloon, states that at 12.10 p.m., yesterday, while his twelve-year old daughter was standing at the junction of Shanghai and Ningpo Streets, she was suddenly seized by two men and carried to a side lane where they struck her, and then, while one man clapped his hand over her mouth to prevent her from calling out, the other snatched two gold mounted rattan bangles valued at \$14 from her wrists. After they had taken her valuables, the men threw the frightened girl into the gutter and bolted. When the girl recovered her wits sufficiently to raise an alarm, the desperadoes had already disappeared. The Police are on the job of tracing the thieves, but up to the time of writing, they have not yet been successful in effecting any arrest.

Was defendant drunk?—He was not under the influence of liquor.

A bandsman at the Hongkong Hotel stated that when he went home he found defendant there and asked his wife what he wanted. Defendant then searched him for opium. Defendant had already searched the house. He had not seen defendant before. A Chinese was also present. Defendant then took witness, and the Filipino woman to a house in Wanchai saying he had something to do there. Defendant insisted on witness going. His wife had told him that defendant was an Inspector.

Mr. d'Almada: That is not evidence. Witness said that when they got to the house at Wanchai defendant searched it. After that they went to a Japanese restaurant where they had beer for which witness paid. The woman was then sent away and witness was taken to the hotel.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada: The letter (produced) was written by me as defendant asked me my address.

The Filipino woman gave corroborative evidence. She said her nickname was "Kon Ching." Defendant told her he was a policeman and wanted her to go to the police station. He wrote "Inspector Donoghue" on a piece of paper. Witness asked defendant what it was. He said it was his name.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada witness said she did not know an Inspector Donoghue at Manila. Defendant did not give witness the paper telling her that Inspector Donoghue would help her in Manila. Defendant told her that he had a Filipino wife. The letter (produced) was not sent to her but to another woman called "Kon Ching." (The letter referred to some articles which were being sent by the "Yuen Sang," and was signed "your new friend.")

Defendant showed her a medal, saying that it was a Police badge.

A Chinese boy also spoke to having seen the badge.

The case was remanded till Monday, defendant being let out on bail of \$300.

STRIKE BREAKER FAILS.

UNFAIR PROSECUTION IS RULED OUT.

Twenty five lift boys, participants in the strike among that section of the community, who were employed by the Hongkong Land Investment Company and the Hongkong Central Estate Company were discharged by Mr. N. L. Smith at the Police Court this morning on charges of leaving the service of their employers without notice. During the hearing of the case it was shown that the men went before Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote, Secretary of the Companies concerned, who told them that if they did not care to accept the offer of the companies of \$18 a month they could leave. The Magistrate agreed with the argument of Mr. Lo, who appeared on behalf of the men, that this was consent to their leaving. Another interesting point made by the solicitor was that the Ordinance of 1902 was not meant as a strike breaking machine, and that as the men considered themselves employed on a daily basis it would be unjust for the Ordinance to be enforced against them in a case where the only dispute was on the question of wages. The charges were dismissed without evidence for the defence being called.

Mr. Lo: Before I go on I should like to mention one point that when the officer came to serve the original summons on the men I accepted service on behalf of all the twenty six men for whom I was to appear. Apparently there has been some misunderstanding and one of the men has gone back to the country and I have no instructions on his behalf.

The Magistrate took down the names of the defendants and wished to know if the men were still in the employ of the company.

Mr. Wilkinson replied they were not.

Mr. Smith said that he supposed this was the result of a strike.

Mr. Wilkinson replied that he did not know whether they could call it a strike. The men refused to go to work.

Mr. Smith: Did they not give notice asking for a rise of pay?

Mr. Wilkinson: Yes, on April 23. Mr. Smith: I think we had better take evidence.

Mr. W. J. Wilkinson then went into the box. He stated that he was employed by the Hongkong Land Investment Company and the Hongkong Central Estate Ltd. as overseer. All the defendants were employed by the companies as lift attendants.

Mr. Smith: How much do they get as pay, and is it fixed?

Witness: They get \$16 a month. Mr. Smith: That is a fair rate, I suppose.

Witness: They all got \$14 a month, but in March they got a rise of \$2 and no complaint was made or a demand for a further increase. On April 23 however, they sent in a letter asking for an increase.

Mr. Smith: It was about the time of the fitters' strike.

Witness: No, it was after the settlement. They asked for 32 1/2 per cent and sent the following letter to the Secretary:

"Dear Sir, In consideration of the fact that you have increased our wages by \$2 we hesitate very much in forwarding you this letter. It occurs to us however that it might not be unwise to lay before you the financial difficulties we are experiencing even with the present wages. The prices of all commodities as you know have risen to half as much again as before since the beginning of the war while our wages have not been increased sufficiently to cope with the change. With the present wages we can hardly afford even the conventional necessities of our class. This is not a misrepresentation on our part, but a true statement of facts. The fact that people of our class, i.e. skilled labourers, are suffering in consequence of low wages may be seen from the recent clamour among them for higher wages and the strike resulting therefrom. Seeing that other companies have realised the situation of their employees and have consequently increased their wages by 25 per cent, may we appeal to your kind consideration for a further allowance? Trusting that this will meet with a favourable and early reply."

Mr. Smith: Was a reply sent to that?

Witness: A verbal reply was given. This letter was then brought in: "Dear Sir, We have the honour to beg inform you that we are very sorry for our wages not enough use for every month and you can't increase us wages at present we all resign on May 1. You may employ other men. With thank your kindness." The Company said they could not grant the money. On May 1 the men resigned en bloc. The above letter was pushed into my office post box. There was no notice given and no mention whatever that the men were dissatisfied.

Mr. Smith: They should have mentioned about leaving in the first letter.

Witness: If they had done that we should have made other arrangements. On Sunday May 2, we had 23 of them brought to the office and offered them an extra \$2, making it \$18 in all. They refused to accept it saying they wanted \$20. That would have been a little over 30 per cent on the original pay.

Mr. Smith: None of them turned up after that.

Witness: No. Mr. Smith: Personally, I don't think this Ordinance was meant as a strike breaking machine. They should have given some notice.

Mr. Lo: That is what I mean to submit.

Mr. Smith: The men should have given some warning.

Mr. Lo: It is not so simple as all that, as I hope to indicate in the case for the defence. They knew all along. It was suggested to the men whether they would leave or not.

Witness was then cross-examined by Mr. Lo, who asked:

Am I not right in saying that you have always adopted a sympathetic attitude towards these men?

Witness: I have.

In point of fact the letter of April 23 drafted in this amicable way was actually suggested by you. They wanted an increase and you suggested that a letter be sent?—I did.

When a few days later a blank refusal was passed to them a deputation called on you of about eight men?—No.

Did none of them call on you?—No.

Didn't you have any conversation or discussion with them asking you what you suggested. I am instructed that a few days later when they heard that they were not going to get an increase they saw you and told their tale of woe and asked you what could be done. You told them you could do no more and the only thing was for them to do as they liked?—No, I didn't use those words. I said if you are not satisfied you can write another letter.

At all events the verbal reply gave them the impression that you were sympathetic, and you said when you told them you could do no more, that they must choose their own means?

No, that was not what I said. They said they were not satisfied but that was on April 26 after I had told them that there was no increase. They insisted that they were not satisfied and that they wanted an increase. I told them if they were not satisfied they had better write in again.

In any case that was not the impression they got. Do you know a man called Leung Tang. I believe he is a carpenter, but part of his duties before you came was to oversee or superintend these lift boys. He had disciplinary jurisdiction?—There is a carpenter called A Tang.

He had some sort of authority over them subject to your approval?—When I am away he is always in the office and acts in my place during my absence.

He was used by the men as a mouth piece?—I cannot say that. I had my suspicions that this was going on.

If A Tang is called I am going to put it to him that he was personally cognisant of every step they took and knew they were leaving?—That is what I am trying to find out. I have asked the men whether A Tang knew they were going to leave and they told me "No." He also told me "No." I wanted to find out whether this man was talking to these people.

It is part of our case that he did know and on the evening they stopped work the facts of the case were known to A Tang?—I am not aware of that.

Do you know anything about two detectives turning up on Saturday?—I do.

What was their object?—Their object was to arrest the men.

The Magistrate: To arrest whom?—These lift boys for leaving their employer.

Mr. Lo: They were not in fact arrested?—No, because when I went down to 20 Li Yuen Street, which the boys use as a kind of mess, I found eight or ten men there. I had the two Chinese detectives with me who were given me by the authorities here to arrest anyone whom I pointed out. I saw the men and I spoke to them. The detectives also spoke to them. I told them what I was going to do and I asked them to return to work and there would be no further trouble. The men said "We will return to work, but we must go round the town and look for the other people who have left work. We cannot start without them."

Mr. Lo: That is exactly what they stated. After that they were asked to go and see the manager on Sunday morning?—They were.

I understand you were present?—I was.

Is it not a fact that later Mr. Northcote asked those who wanted to stay on at \$18 a month to stand on one side and those who did not on the other?—Yes.

And none of them stood on the side of wanting to go back?—Yes.

Did not Mr. Northcote say he could replace them at a moment's notice?—He did.

And if they did not choose to accept \$18 a month they could clear out?—Yes. They were told to come up on Monday at 10.30.

I think Mr. Northcote actually asked them, "Well, if you do not choose \$18 a month, what are you going to do?" and did not some of them say "We are prepared to pull ourselves out?"—Yes.

They were to turn up on Monday morning. As a matter of fact I do not know whether you are aware that I myself had a conversation with Mr. Northcote and if he had been here I should have liked to put it to him whether the interview in a newspaper was correct, because it seems to me correct as far as I am

concerned. He said that if they didn't want to come back at \$18 a month he didn't want them?

Witness replied that the men did not turn up at the office at 10.30: they would not be received.

It is reported that Mr. Northcote said, "The men went to see Mr. Lo to ask him to mediate and I refused to see them, again." During the conversation on Sunday were they ever told that they were actually amenable to criminal law if they did not give a month's notice?—They were.

If put it to you they were not?—They were.

Is it not a fact that the practice of your employers has always been to dismiss these people if they are not satisfied with them at practically a moment's notice and pay them only up to the time they work?—I cannot answer that question. Since I have been in the company I have never had occasion to dismiss any body.

But since this case cropped up have you made any enquiries on this point?—No.

You are not prepared to disagree with me when I tell you as a matter of fact that all these people looked upon themselves as liable to be dismissed at a moment's notice. There is a concrete case of one of the defendants in the present case who was dismissed in 1914 and a new man taken on in his place. The new man was not satisfied and he was dismissed and the old man re-instated. He was actually paid his wages up to the time of dismissal. It is the practice of the employers it would be unjust to enforce the law against the employees.

Mr. Smith: The Ordinance says a month's notice must be given unless a definite arrangement has been arrived at between the parties.

Mr. Lo: If that is the practice of the employers I think it would be absurd to ask your Worship to agree with them. My point is that if the employers arrogate to themselves the right of dismissing a person at a moment's notice and pay them up to the time they work it would be only right that the men too should leave employment at a moment's notice.

Mr. Wilkinson: I told all these men after I received the letter that if they wanted to go they must give a month's notice before they left the service.

Mr. Lo: At any rate the men didn't tell me this.

Witness: I personally told every one that they could not leave without notice. I also instructed them that it was not a case of a strike because the fitters gave notice of a strike while they had given no notice.

Mr. Smith: They have all been replaced now?—Yes.

They won't be taken back?—No. They are not skilled labourers?—No. If anything goes wrong with the lifts the Electric Company puts them in order. The men have nothing to do with the machinery. They simply manipulate the lift.

Mr. Lo: I don't think I need call any evidence, subject to your Worship's direction, because it is in evidence that what took place between the manager and the men on Sunday certainly showed that the manager was a consenting party to the men leaving. They could take it or leave it. I can put every one of them in the box to swear that the first they ever heard of the wonderful 1902 Ordinance was when I had occasion to tell them what they were summoned for. They were actually not aware that the criminal law of the colony compelled them to give such notice. They took it that the question of notice was a mere formality and nothing else because all the people were under the impression that the employers practically hinted that if they were not satisfied with the \$18 they could leave. They certainly did not think they should have given notice and it was a shock to them when they were served with a summons. Secondly, I submit that if the manager, or secretary, had taken a more sympathetic attitude on Sunday morning and told them about the law of one month's notice, advised them to accept the \$18, and then give a month's notice, and in the meantime to discuss the matter of increase, I have no doubt that everything would have been settled satisfactorily. They were told they could take the \$18 or leave it and they couldn't do anything else but leave it. I am quite in agreement with what your Worship has so aptly observed that the Ordinance was never meant to be an instrument of persecution against people, whose only quarrel with their employers was the question of wages which could and should have been amicably settled if the employers had only tried. The men are out of employment and have suffered sufficiently. I ask your Worship to dismiss the summons.

Mr. Smith discharged the defendants.

"WALLA-WALLA" double-cross the harbour but never, double-cross you. "Phone No. 3516.

FIRE ON THE "IXION."

500 TONS HEMP DESTROYED.

Taikoo Docks was the scene of not a little excitement in the small hours of this morning, and throughout the best part of the business hours, up to nearly noon, as the result of a fire which broke out in Nos. 8 and 9 holds of the Blue Funnel Liner "Ixion," Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Agents, which was lying alongside the dock. But for the difficulty experienced at first in locating the fire, it would have been very quickly subdued. As it was it occupied the best part of two hours to put it out.

The first intimation that anyone had of the outbreak was when the cry of "Fire" was heard from coolies who were working overtime in the holds unloading a large cargo of Manila hemp. Panic was soon reigning and there was a general rush to get to the gangway, but this was soon checked by the officers of the ship. Huge volumes of smoke ascended from the hatches and tongues of flame shot forth. The reddening of the sky attracting a large crowd. The alarm was quickly telephoned through to the Central Fire Station, but some difficulty was experienced in getting through to the station, with the result that the fire fighters arrived about half an hour later with three engines. By this time the flames had made considerable headway and were burning furiously. The fireman led out hoses to the ship and several streams of water were poured into the holds through the nearest hatches. The efforts of the fireman were, at first, ineffective owing to the insufficiency of the volume of water. With the arrival of Nos. 1 and 2 Fire Floats, at about 4.30 a.m. the fire became more under control. The large amount of smoke given off by the burning hemp proved a great handicap to the fire fighters. Within an hour after the arrival of the Fire Floats, the blaze was extinguished.

Although no official explanation of the outbreak of fire has been, as yet, given out, it is guessed that the lighted stump of a cigarette, carelessly thrown down by one of the coolies, may have started it.

The firemen stood by, playing streams of water on the smouldering hemp until about 11.30 this morning. Superintendent Lane and Chief Inspector Kerr supervised the activities of the fire and police departments, and under their command the men stood up to the task valiantly, until the flames were checked. After the blaze was extinguished, the deluged hold was pumped out. The Staff of the Dock Company, and the officers of the "Ixion," rendered very valuable assistance.

About 500 tons of hemp, the value of which has not yet been ascertained, but which, in all probability, will reach five figures, was damaged by fire and water.

The acting Captain Superintendent of Police, the representatives of the Agents, Captain Inkster, in command of the "Ixion," and other officials were present on the scene this morning, and inspected the damage done by the fire.

The damage done to the vessel itself is not great, and it is not thought that her sailing will be delayed as a result of the fire, for any great length of time.

The official report received from the Police with regard to the fire was that the outbreak took place at 3.45 a.m. in Nos. 8 and 9 holds of the s.s. "Ixion," a Blue Funnel Liner, lying alongside Taikoo Docks. The Fire Brigade and two Fire Floats turned out and with the assistance of the Staff of the Dock and the ship's officers, succeeded in putting out the fire by flooding the holds. It is understood that the cargo is insured.

SPECULATION GALORE.

SALARY \$15—DEBTS \$140,000.

Speculations in rice, sugar, hemp bags, exchange, mercury, shipping, batteries, and shares generally, resulting in a debt of \$140,000, explained the appearance in the Bankruptcy Court this morning of Wong Yat Wan, a Chinese salesman and buyer for a Japanese goods shop, from which he received a salary of \$15 per month and an annual bonus of from \$1,200 to \$1,300.

Examined by the Official Receiver, Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Wong Yat Wan stated that he had a share of \$200 in a restaurant, a share of \$2,000 in another company, and a share of \$2,000 in a rice dealing firm in Tonkin which was now worth, on his own computation—for he had not seen the actual returns—about \$40,000. In Hongkong he owed about \$130,000 through having had to pay the difference between the price at which he bought goods and the price to which they subsequently fell. Besides acting for the Japanese firm he traded on his own account in hemp bags and made \$7,000 which he had still to receive from the broker. He had also bought shares in a shipping business, only to lose, and had made a deal in sugar. As a gambler in exchange he bought \$20,000 from the French Bank in the hope that exchange would rise but instead it dropped. About the beginning of last year he started to speculate in

shares, and though he made a little profit at first he lost heavily toward the end of the year, losing several tens of thousands of dollars. Some time ago he had a deal in mercury, buying for a rise. His biggest single loss was several tens of thousands of dollars in a Canton lottery. During the past six or seven years he lost money from time to time until his losses gradually accumulated into his present debt of \$140,000.

The Official Receiver asked his Lordship, Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Acting Chief Justice, to adjourn the application as there was a prospect at present that debtor's relations would come forward and advance sufficient money to effect a compromise with the creditors, who were favourably inclined to this course.

An adjournment was accordingly made sine die.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. ORENGTU, Capt. Leitch, 1,335 tons, arrived yesterday at 3 p.m. from Swatow with 1,330 tons of general cargo and 4 bags of mail.

The s.s. TIAZOS MONTES, Capt. Buckley, 3,358 tons, arrived yesterday at 9 a.m. from Singapore with 217 bags of mail.

The s.s. WAKASA MARU, Capt. Segawa, 3,604 tons, arrived yesterday at 10 a.m. from Shanghai with 37 bags of mail.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. SUNNING, (Capt. Benson), sailed for Shanghai at 6 a.m. to-day with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. HSIN PING AN, (Capt. Norik), sailed for Newchwang at 7 a.m. to-day with 1,000 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. TAISHUN, (Capt. Halkett), sailed for Shanghai at 4 p.m. with 1,332 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. YUENSHANG, (Capt. McAlinagh), sailed for Manila at 8 p.m. to-day with 1,000 tons of general cargo.

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Hongkong, May 7, 1920.

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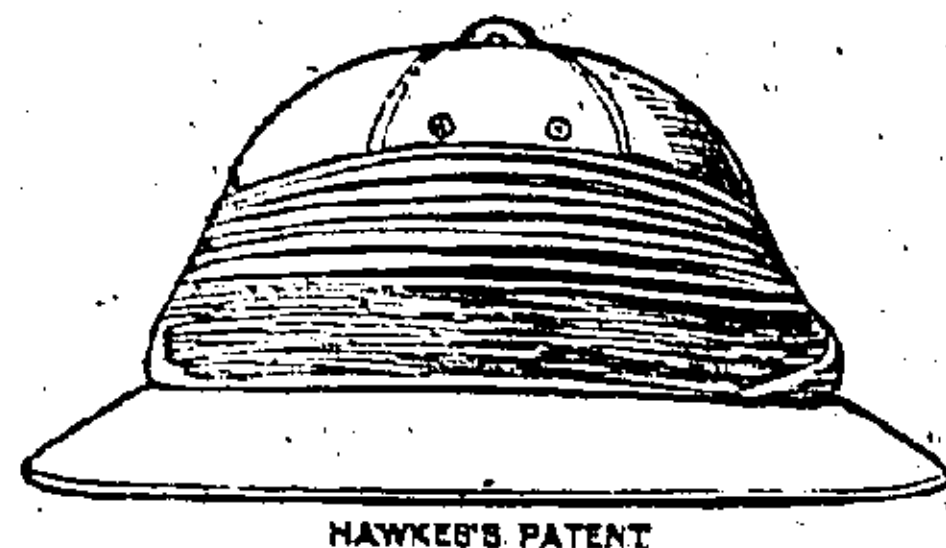
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MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

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The week's trading in cotton has been dull and featureless and a natural reaction has taken place from the high rates recently ruling. An entire absence of bull support and cessation of covering marked the opening at New York and a sharp break in values resulted; later, the same influences continued evident but the decline was checked apparently by the strength of sterling exchange which has improved further and seems finally to have been the main factor in a firmer tone at the close. The Liverpool market has also been quiet, and in fact almost flat, prices following the decline initiated at New York. Egyptian futures remain idle and a considerably weaker tone is in evidence, values falling steadily.

In the yarn and cloth sections there is no change to report from recent weeks, conditions remaining very much unaltered. The turnover has been of very limited dimensions but this quietness has as yet had practically no effect on yarn or cloth prices, which remain very steady. At the same time whilst not lower, quotations certainly show an easier tendency. At the present time both spinners and manufacturers are disturbed by the revision of the scale of wages, the agreement in force terminating at the end of April, and this has now come up for discussion. The operatives have formulated their demand which is for 60 per cent increase on the present rates and is considerably higher than has been anticipated. What the settlement will be remains to be seen but the effect of the demand has been to strengthen the demands of producers and in some cases has led to an added reluctance to do further business until an agreement is reached. Whilst it is possible that this has been responsible to some slight extent in restricting business, the fact remains that enquiry is on a very small scale indeed. China has put forward the most persistent demand but little has resulted, India enquiry shows some improvement but the business done is still very unimportant; the smaller Far Eastern outlets have provided a miscellaneous demand. Cablegrams are again proving a source of dissatisfaction to merchants as the special urgent messages rate just instituted appears to have led to considerable delays in the transmission of ordinary messages which are taking as long as 14/15 days from India.

HERITAGE OF INDIA.

Under the auspices of the Indian Society of Oriental Art a meeting was held in Calcutta on February 25, Lord Ronaldsday presiding, when Rev. Dr. J. N. Banerjee delivered an interesting lecture on the heritage of India. He said that in the early annals there were a great many distinct civilizations in the world. Of these only two, namely, European and Asiatic civilizations stood out in prominence. India evolved a great civilization of her own and her culture was carried all over Asia. For many centuries India, as a matter of fact, was the university of Asia just as Greece was the university of Europe. That was the first important fact which he wished to impress upon his audience.

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THE PEAK TRAMWAY CASE.

CONDUCTOR CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.

Evidence was produced before Mr. R. O. Hutchison yesterday afternoon, in the case in which Ah King, a conductor employed by the Peak Tramway Company was charged with the embezzlement of 10 cents (not twenty as previously stated) the property of the Company by re-issuing to Corporal Stroud of the Wiltshire Regiment a used ticket.

Mr. M. H. Turner appeared for the prosecution, and the defendant was represented by Mr. B. L. Potter. In opening the case for the prosecution, Mr. Turner said that he was going to produce evidence to show that the defendant who was on duty on the 9.30 p.m. (green) car on April 29, issued an old tram ticket to Corporal Stroud of the Wiltshire Regiment, thereby defrauding the Peak Tramway Company of 10 cents. Counsel said that before calling evidence, he would ask his Worship, in case he found that he could not convict the defendant on the charge of embezzlement, to exercise the power vested in him by the Ordinance, and convict the defendant on an amended charge of attempting to embezzle. He would like to mention here, for his friend's information, that it was not oversight, but regard for his Worship's power under the Ordinance, which caused him not to prefer an alternative charge against the defendant.

Inspector Smirke of the Peak Tramway Company, said he boarded the 9.30 green (up) car on the night of April 29, soon after it left the lower station at the second class end. From his position in the car, he had a good view of the saloon and the front seats. Corporal Stroud and Flannen of the Wiltshire Regiment sat on the foremost seat while ten other soldiers and a lady whom he knew to be a ticket holder, occupied the saloon. Before the car got to the Kennedy Road Station, Ah King (the accused) collected the fares from the two corporals. Ah Chong, the Chinese night inspector, when he saw witness was in the car, went up to Ah King and said something to him. Witness could not hear what was said because he was too far away, but he felt suspicious, and working his way up the car, he stood behind them. As soon as Ah Chong discovered that witness was behind him, he jumped off the car, and disappeared in the dark. He has not been seen since.

His Worship: You have not seen him since, you mean?—Yes.

Mr. Turner: The Tramway Company has not seen him since. I think what the witness meant was that Ah Chong has since absconded. He certainly could not have disappeared into thin air.

Inspector Smirke agreed.

His Worship expressed himself as satisfied.

Proceeding with his evidence, the witness said Ah King walked away in the direction of the other soldiers, from whom he collected the fares. After Ah King had gone to the saloon of the car, witness asked the corporals to show him their tickets, and they handed him the two (produced). He examined them and found the numbers were not consecutive. Witness then went and inspected the other soldiers' and the servants' tickets and found them to be correct. Going up to the defendant when the car arrived at the top, witness asked him to show him his bundles of tickets of various denominations. Witness found in the middle of each bundle of new tickets a number of punched tickets.

By Mr. Potter: He could not swear how many punched tickets there were in each bundle, but there was a large number.

Proceeding, witness said that when the tickets were fastened together by a nail driven through the end.

Mr. Potter: In that case the punched tickets which you said you found in the centre of the bundles of new tickets could not be in line with the others.

Witness: Oh, yes, they were. The conductors, for their own convenience, remove the nails and keep the bundles together by means of rubber bands.

The witness said that he had forgotten to mention that when he inspected the corporals' tickets, he asked them if they had paid for them, and they said they had paid 10 cents each.

When the car got to the top station, witness requested the corporals to wait a while, and after examining the defendant's tickets, he took them all in to see the Superintendent (Mr. Handy). Here the defendant was searched and in separate pockets, two more bundles of used tickets were found, wrapped up in paper.

At this stage Mr. Turner handed the witness a book and asked him to tell the Court what it was.

Witness: This is what is known as the Ticket Book. Every conductor keeps one of these books in which he enters the numbers of the tickets he sold during the day.

Mr. Turner: If you look in that book, can you tell what date a certain ticket was sold?—Yes.

Will you please tell the Court on what date ticket No. 6324 (one of those issued to the corporals) was sold?

Witness: On the 27th of April. Continuing, the witness said acting on the instructions of the Superintendent, he called in a Chinese constable and had the defendant removed to Mount Gough Police Station, where he was charged.

By Mr. Potter: Witness did not actually see the defendant give the tickets to the corporals as it was rather dark, but he knew the defendant had to hand them some sort of tickets, and suspecting him, witness went up and examined the tickets.

Mr. Potter: Did you search his person for money?—No, that was done at the Police station.

Did you examine the contents of the bag in which he kept his takings?—Yes, and I found that he was \$1.30 to the good.

Mr. Turner: You mean he had \$1.30 over and above the amount he should have for the number of tickets entered in his Ticket book as having been sold?—That is so.

By His Worship: Conductors do 24 hours' shifts from mid-day to mid-day. Of course, they go off duty when the cars stop running and resume duty in the morning.

Answering another question, witness said the conductors handed in the contents of their bags at the office in the morning before resuming duty. When relieved at noon, the conductors handed over their bags with their takings to the men relieving them. Of course, they counted up the money, and kept a record of it.

Mr. Turner: So that each man pays into the office each morning part of his own and part of the previous man's takings?—Yes.

Examining the witness, Mr. Potter put to him that in that case the \$1.30 he mentioned as surplus might have belonged to the man the defendant relieved. Witness admitted that that was so.

Mr. Turner: That is quite correct. I am not charging the defendant in respect to the surplus money found in the bag. It was mentioned in reply to your question, Mr. Potter. I am charging the defendant only in respect to ten cents.

Corporal Stroud was next called and said in reply to Mr. Turner, that he and his friend, Corporal Flannen, were passengers on the 9.30 green (up) car on the night of the 29th ultimo. They sat on the front seat. He gave the 20 cents for two tickets. The defendant handed him two tickets the numbers of which he did not remember. He made a remark to his friend about it. Soon afterwards Inspector Smirke came and examined their tickets. The Inspector afterwards went into the saloon and examined the defendant's bundles of tickets, and found some used tickets in them.

Mr. Potter: How do you know? You told us you were sitting on the front seat, you know? Yes, but I looked back and from where I was sitting, had a good view of what was going on in the saloon. Especially as the car was going up hill.

Replying to another question, the witness said the tickets were punched when they were handed to him. He could not say if they were punched before they were handed to him because he was not paying particular attention. When the car got to the top, Inspector Smirke asked them to remain behind, and after a considerable time, they were taken before the Superintendent and told him all they knew about the matter. After some examination, the defendant was removed to Mount Gough Police Station by a Chinese constable.

Mr. Handy, the Engineer Superintendent of the Peak Tramway Company, said that on the arrival of the 9.30 up car, Inspector Smirke brought the defendant to him and told him what had happened. He asked the defendant what he had to say, and he replied that he was guilty, and asked to be given a chance.

Witness had the contents of his bag examined, and in the bundles, among the unused tickets, he found a number of punched tickets. Two other bundles of punched tickets of various denominations were found on the defendant's person. Witness called in a constable, and had the defendant removed to the Mount Gough Police Station, accompanied by Inspector Smirke who was instructed to lay a charge against him.

Sub-Inspector Pardon said he was in Mount Gough Police Station when the defendant was brought in by a Chinese constable accompanied by an Inspector Smirke. After the charge had been made out against him, witness searched the defendant and found \$27.47 on his person. Witness entered this in the Prisoner's Property Book (produced). The defendant made no statement.

Mr. Turner said that was the case for the prosecution unless his Worship wanted to hear the other corals.

His Worship said he did not, but perhaps Mr. Potter might want to.

Mr. Potter said that as Corporal Flannen did not purchase the tickets, he thought his evidence was immaterial.

His Worship agreed.

Addressing the Magistrate Mr. Potter said he did not propose to call evidence for the defence, because, he submitted, there was no case for him to defend. There was nothing in the evidence to prove embezzlement. In order to prove that something had been taken away, the prosecution had not proved that, therefore the case must fall.

BASKET BALL.

SUCCESSFUL LEAGUE SEASON CLOSED.

GOVERNOR PRESENTS "SHIELD" TO A.A.C.

The last match in the first Hongkong Basketball League was played in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. gymnasium last evening, in the presence of a large gathering of interested spectators, when the American Athletic Club, the winners of the league met the "Rest."

H. E. the Governor, who attended before six o'clock "threw in," and the match was soon in full swing. In the first quarter, the Americans led by four points, but in the succeeding quarters of the game, the "Rest" made a "come to" and had the game all their own way, eventually winning by 11 points. The scores at the close of the match read: The "Rest," 22 points; American A.C., 11 points.

At the conclusion of the game Mr. N. T. McIntosh called upon his Excellency to present the Shield to the American Athletic Club. In doing so his Excellency the Governor traced the growth of basket ball in the Colony, saying that it started in 1913 at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. It was not, however, till the year 1919 that the game became wide-spread. First of all the students' Junior and Senior League was formed and then the "Open League."

H. E. the Governor, in presenting the Shield, congratulated the Americans.

Mr. W. Routh, Capt. of the A.A.C. returned thanks, and called for three cheers for his Excellency.

TO-NIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL ARTILLERY THEATRE.

The following is the programme of the entertainment to be given this evening and to-morrow at 9.15 p.m. at the R. A. Theatre, Victoria Barracks. Booking is at Mount's. Further particulars will be found in our advertisement columns.

- PROGRAMME.
- 1.—Song—"Sergeant of the Line"—Eric Pope.
 - 2.—Mr. D. A. Green.
 - 3.—Col. Cross at the piano.
 - 4.—Song—"Thro' the Ages"—Eric Coates.
 - 5.—Humorous Sketch—"George Robey".
 - 6.—Mr. P. A. Merrin, R.N.
 - 7.—Thought Reading.
 - 8.—Mrs. Philip Kilgour.
 - 9.—Assisted by Mrs. John Carrington.
 - 10.—Song—"Selected".
 - 11.—Mr. D. A. Green.
 - 12.—Comic Trio—"Another Little Drink"—Nat Dayer.
 - 13.—Lieut. I. B. Franks, R.N., as Alfred Lester.
 - 14.—Mr. Howard Freeborn as George Robey.
 - 15.—Mrs. Oliver, as Violet Lorraine.
 - 16.—INTERVAL.
 - 17.—Musical Sketch—"The Conversion of St. George".
 - 18.—Malcolm Watson.
 - 19.—The Bishop of Minster.
 - 20.—Major Law.
 - 21.—Nat Sturge.
 - 22.—Capt. Bristow.
 - 23.—Raddies—"Mr. E. H. Halford".
 - 24.—Julia.
 - 25.—Mrs. Bristow.
 - 26.—The library at the Bishop's palace.
 - 27.—Period: Present Day.

Mr. Hutchison reminded Counsel that as Mr. Turner had said at the opening of the case, the Magistrate had power, under the Ordinance to amend a charge to permit a conviction.

Mr. Potter said he had come to Court to answer a charge of embezzlement, and was not prepared, within a moment's notice to argue on another charge.

Mr. Hutchison said in any case he was going to reserve his decision, and if Mr. Potter chose, he could address the Court at the next hearing.

Mr. Potter said that was what, in justice to his client, he proposed to do.

Mr. Turner said he was prepared to prove the attempt to embezzle there and then, but in order not to waste the time of the Court, he would first like to know if his Worship was satisfied that the defendant was guilty of attempt to embezzle. If not, he was prepared to bring up argument to convince him.

Mr. Hutchison said what Mr. Turner was trying to do was to secure a conviction that afternoon. He was not prepared to render a decision there and then, and therefore he could not answer Mr. Turner's question.

Mr. Turner said he was not attempting to question his Worship's knowledge of the law. He simply wanted to dispel whatever doubts he might have in his mind.

His Worship said that if Mr. Potter brought up any argument at the next hearing, Mr. Turner would be given an opportunity of replying to him.

Decision was reserved until 4 p.m. to-day.

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WHAT WATER-DIVINING FEELS LIKE.

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Here your séance room is under the open sky and your paraphernalia a hazel twig. No cabinets! No curtains! No darkness! The water-finder—or dowser, as he is called—walks slowly across country clapping his twig by its forked ends the point towards the earth. Perhaps, for an hour or even more he draws blank, and then suddenly the twig begins to twitch and jerk like a leashed hound struggling for freedom. A subterranean stream has been discovered, you are told. And in nine cases out of ten, if you care to fall to with a shovel then and there, you can prove it.

The genuine water-finder's failures are so few as to be negligible. Scientists like Sir William Barrett and Professor Janer who have studied the subject admit this, and they also affirm that the twig moves without any faking on the dowser's part. Many years ago I walked across some Wiltshire fields with John Mullins, the prince of dowzers, whose family have kept up his reputation for professional water-finding with unchallenged success. I watched him trace the windings of a buried stream.

At intervals the twig responded to some mysterious stimulus, precisely as a horse responds to the flick of a whip. I took a twig myself. There were results even more startling. With me it was frenzied, breaking itself to pieces between my hands. I can testify to the queerness of the sensation. It was as though the motionless wood abruptly became a little wriggling, twitching animal. Willow, holly, or beech may be used with equally good results—even wire or a simple watch spring has been known to do the trick. Indeed, some people need no divining-rod at all. Nor is water the only "buried treasure" which can be brought to light. Metals are also amenable to the divining-rod.

In the days of Queen Elizabeth dowzers came from Germany to Cornwall to facilitate the discovery of tin mines.—Daily Mail.

THE KING'S PROCTOR.

The Bamberger case, concluded before the President of the Probate and Divorce Division brings into prominence once more the King's Proctor, a little-known official who has, however, to be reckoned with by couples who find their way to the Divorce Court.

The Matrimonial Causes Act, 1860, which governs divorce in England, forbids the dissolution of the marriage tie where there is any collusion between the parties. But more often than not the collusion only comes to light after the decree nisi has been granted; and the duty is imposed by the Act of 1860 on the proctor or solicitor who represents the Crown in the Courts of Probate and Divorce to intervene between the decree nisi and the decree absolute.

He has to bring to the notice of the Divorce Court the evidence of this collusion, and the onus is on him to prove that it existed; in other words, that there was an understanding between husband and wife to induce the court to set them free of their marriage tie by presenting evidence calculated to make the court believe that one side was wronged without the other side having been privy to any transgression of the marriage law.

SIR J. P. MELLOR.

The allegations of collusion in any case have necessarily to be brought to the notice of the King's Proctor before he intervenes; and even then he tests the evidence before he moves. The office of King's Proctor is combined with that of Treasury Solicitor, and the present occupant of both offices is Sir J. P. Mellor.

Up to a few years ago both offices were still further combined with that of Public Prosecutor. But a year before the resignation of Lord Desart (the last holder of all three offices), in 1909, the duties of Public Prosecutor were detached and set up into a single office, the first (and present) holder of which is Sir Charles Mathews.

CHEMICALS.

The report of Sir S. W. Royle & Co. Ltd., of Manchester, dated March 26th, reads: "Chemicals.—Business has perhaps not been quite so brisk during March as in recent months, but this may be accounted for to a large extent by increased shortness of supplies. Most manufacturers have as many orders in hand at present as they care to book and any odd lots of most goods in second hand's realize full figures. The transport position has improved somewhat and there is less difficulty in regard to shipments. Sulphate of Copper has been disappointing, the Continental enquiry being very poor and the February returns show exports of only 1822 tons against 3383 tons for February of last year. The strong export demand for Green Copper continues but suitable pick-ups are still difficult to obtain. Acetates of Lime have been called for more freely. Good business has been done in Acetate of Soda; price is again higher with the further advance in Acetic Acid. Acetates of Lead are firmly held in spite of the fluctuations in the metal. Nitrate of Lead is also in good request. Carbonate of Potash is somewhat scarce and prices are firm. There has been more enquiry for Montrial Phosphates and full figures are asked. Supplies of White Powdered Arsenic have been more plentiful and sufficient to meet the demand. There is a scarcity in Yellow Prussiate, prices are higher and the present disparity in the values of Potash and Soda is interesting consumers more in the former. Tartaric Acid is in strong request and supplies are unequal to the demand. The high price of Citric Acid has restricted business. Stocks of Cream of Tartar are very small and higher figures are quoted. Bichromates are still in short supply and heavily called for especially for export. The demand for Oxalic Acid remains considerably in excess of the supply and higher prices are being paid for any available parcels. Borax and Boracic Acid are unchanged. Stocks of Phosphate of Soda have been cleared and prices are again higher. Salomonic has advanced further £10 per ton and makers are fully sold for some months ahead. Murate of Ammonia is dearer and in good request. Odd lots of Caustic Soda and Ammonia Alkali have realized high figures. Pitch continues in good demand and price is very firm; some good business has been done for forward delivery. Benzoles continue steady, production being readily disposed of. Toluoles are firmer. Good business has been done in Solvent Naphtha for forward delivery at increased values. Crotonol continues in good demand with little offering. All qualities of Naphthalene are well enquired for, especially for shipment. Crude Carbolic Acid is scarce and any quantities coming on the market are quickly taken up. Liquid Carbolic is in small supply and is dearer. Crystalline Carbolic is unchanged. Sulphate of Ammonia is also practically unchanged, production nearly all going into home consumption.

Sundries.—A good business is reported in American Pearl Starch for shipment well ahead due to the favourable turn in the rate of exchange. Farina is firmer on spot through stoppage of supplies resulting from the Dutch dockers' strike. Dextrine is in steady request. The better qualities of Barytes continue in good demand. American Turpentine has fluctuated violently during the month and finishes about £40 per ton higher; little is offering for near delivery and the Scandinavian product is being sold freely. Imported Green Olive Oil Soap is a steady market.

DELEGATES FOR GENOA. MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION.

The a.s. "Wakusa Maru," 6,074 gross tons, one of the lesser vessels of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's European Fleet, left Hongkong on her way through the Suez Canal to Genoa, where she will land the Japanese delegates to the Maritime Labour Convention to be held in Genoa. Owing to the "Wakusa's" limited passenger accommodation being fully taken up by the delegates, no passengers were taken from Hongkong on that vessel for Europe.

SCIENCE OF GEOGRAPHY.

Geography's share in the general debt of civilization to missionaries has been nearly forgotten, points out a writer in the religious Press, who recalls that the advance agents of Christianity have greatly extended our knowledge of the globe and have been noteworthy as map-makers. They have replaced much of the "guess maps" of the Middle Ages by exact and accurate descriptions of regional geography, and their explorations, as notably in the case of Livingstone, have added large store to our knowledge of strange peoples and lands. Much of the earlier information concerning our own country was gained at first hand by the Spanish missionaries who preceded the gold-hunters and colonists. How deeply indebted to the early missionaries is the science of geography is told by *The Church Missionary Review* (London), whose article is thus summarized by *The Churchman* (New York):

"To the Jesuits and the Franciscans belongs the credit for defining many of the routes between China and India. It was a Jesuit, Gerbillon, who in the seventeenth century brought back information in regard to the Altai Mountains, the Kerulen River, and the Baikal Lake, who fixed their positions by sound observations and outlined a large field of new geography. Another member of the same band, Régis, surveyed Manchuria revision for the first time. Finally the ancient Chinese maps were entrusted entirely to the Jesuits. In the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries it was the Jesuits who brought back the information in regard to Tibet which made exact maps possible, and as late as 1906-07 one of the agents of the British and Foreign Bible Society made plane table notes of a part of Szechuan Province of Western China, which before was almost entirely unknown. In Africa also it was Jesuit missionaries who brought back the first reliable information of the jungles and rivers of the interior. Of the debt geography owes the Protestant missionaries of the nineteenth century most people are more aware. Livingstone, it is said, 'was the greatest exponent of the art and purpose of geographical exploration, and exercised the most profound influence on the extension of this branch of human knowledge of any man of his country.'"

"In Madagascar, in the Kongo basin, on the Gold Coast, in New Guinea, missionary geographers have made valuable researches. In America those familiar with the missions in southern California and Texas realize something of the contribution Spanish missionaries made to the opening up of our own country. South America in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was actually better known than Africa, due largely to the geographical research of the Jesuit missionaries, and the Amazon, the Parana basin, and other great districts were first visited by pioneers of the Catholic Church."

"The missionaries no longer have the field of geographical exploration to themselves, but they still from time to time make valuable contributions to our knowledge of regional geography. Few of us will forget the thrill of pride that churchmen felt when it was announced that Archdeacon Stuck and his party from our Alaskan mission were the first to scale the snowy heights of Mt. Denali."

INGENIOUS BRIDGE BUILDERS OF JAVA.

The natives of Java have a bridge-building technique which utilized to the limit their slight resources for work of this character. Of raw materials they are acquainted with but two, and one of these is really a product of their own ingenuity. They have no nails, no iron, no true wood; they are forced to rely entirely upon bamboo for the structural parts, and upon a rope of their own manufacture to effect the junctions.

The span is almost 150 feet, and the width of the roadway some four feet. The four bamboo columns at either side of the stream are built up of a double length of from fifty to sixty bamboos, tied up with rope and firmly pressed together by forcing a quantity

THE ORDEAL OF VIENNA.

DOCTORS TO STRIKE?

Just at the moment when Vienna is visited again by epidemic of influenza, measles, and inflammation of the lungs, there has been great danger of the doctors and their assistants at the municipal hospitals going on strike. They are grievously underpaid, and it is calculated that a doctor can buy with his whole month's salary just 13 lb. of bad sausage. Many doctors' assistants receive no pay at all, while those of barbers, tailors, carpenters, masons, etc., enjoy incomes on which they can live comfortably. In consideration of the dreadful state of the capital, the physicians have postponed this drastic action. But the panel doctors have already begun it and their 200,000 patients, consisting chiefly of workmen and business-employees, have to pay the usual high fees when they require medical attendance. A panel doctor has to work hard all day for 400 kronen a month, which in consequence of the unexampled inflation of Austrian money are worth about eight shillings. There is also a great dearth of medicines; they are of miserable quality and sold at fabulous prices.

INTERMITTENT MILK. While the rich continue in luxury the authorities are too weak to secure even tiny surplus rations for pregnant women, who receive as a "special gift" one pound of maize flour per week and sometimes half a pound of sugar per month. Milk is supplied to infants up to one year of age only at the rate of a litre a day; they have to go without on Sundays, as all railway traffic is stopped, and often they do not receive any for two days and even longer. The misery all round grows from day to day. Close to where I live a brother and sister have gone mad owing to continuous under-feeding. But in the very same street the shop windows are resplendent with fine stocks of imported corned beef and other good things.

No less terrible is the shortage of clothing materials, the prices for which can be paid only by the well-to-do. Mothers have become very inventive in producing garments out of all sorts of scraps. A touching incident was told me of a woman who turned the coat of her boy's teddy-bear, a present from some wealthy lady, into a pair of trousers for his daily use.

BANKNOTES AS CONFETTI.

At many cafes and restaurants, and especially at cabarets and similar places, orgies of feeding go on uninterruptedly. In the country many peasants do not seem to behave any better. In the provincial town of Salzburg, at a dance given by rural profiteers, no fewer than 1,400 litres of wine were consumed. Another party swallowed about (nominally) £1,300 worth of champagne in a single drinking bout. One of them lit his cigar with a thousand kronen bank note. At another dance, when there were no confetti left, a crew of illicit traffickers crumpled bank notes into little balls and threw them instead. At a carouse they sprinkled the floor with champagne.

of wedges between rope and bamboos. Such columns are found to be of remarkable strength and elasticity.

The original element which the Javan natives have brought to the construction of these bridges, as remarked, is the rope. This is made of a fibre taken from the native arec palm, which grows all over the island.

It makes a rope that resists effectively the heavy decaying action of the hot and damp tropical climate with its legions of fungi; in fact, it lasts for many years without any indications of rotting. So between this rope and the bamboo the natives are able to achieve a semi-permanent structure for which it would be hard to find a peer on the ground of cheapness and durability.

Perhaps the most surprising feature of the whole thing is the degree to which it has been perfected. How does an ignorant savage know that a bridge ought not to be perfectly flat?—*Far Eastern Review*.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per s.s. "Empress of Russia":—
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The s.s. TEIRANIAS, due here May 15th, and sails for Shanghai May 20.
The s.s. TALTIBYUS, due here May 25th, and sails for Japan May 25.
The s.s. REVENUS, due here May 27th, and sails for Japan via Shanghai, May 28.
The s.s. AGAPENOR, due here May 31st, and sails for Japan June 1.
The s.s. FAIR LING, due here June 9th, and sails for Japan June 10.
The s.s. DETUATION, due here June 12th, and sails for Shanghai June 13.
The s.s. NELLORE, left London Mar. 25th and is due here via Colombo, Penang and Singapore May 15.
The s.s. ELEPHOR, due here June 18th and sails for Shanghai June 19.
The s.s. THESEUS, due here June 19th and sails for Shanghai and Hankow June 20.
The s.s. LOMEDON, due here June 25th and sails for Japan June 27.
The s.s. DEMODOCUS, due here June 27th and sails for Shanghai June 28.
The s.s. PYRRHUS, due here June 28th and sails for Shanghai June 29.
The s.s. ALCINOUS, due here July 3rd and sails for Shanghai and Taku July 4.
The s.s. BELLEROPHON, due here July 13th and sails for Japan July 14.
The s.s. NINGCHOW, due here July 13th and sails for Shanghai and Japan July 19.
The s.s. STEIGERWALD, due here July 25th and sails for Japan July 26.

FROM AMERICA.

The s.s. VENEZUELA, left San Francisco Apr. 25, and is due here via Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Manila, May 12.
The s.s. ECUADOR, leaves San Francisco May 15, and is due here via Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Manila, June 8.
The s.s. TYNDAREUS, leaves Seattle May 14th and is due here via Yokohama, Kobe and Manila, June 15.
The s.s. COLOMBIA, leaves San Francisco May 25th and is due here via Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Manila, July 7.
The s.s. IXION, leaves Seattle June 25th and is due here via Yokohama, Kobe and Manila, July 15.
The s.s. PROTESILAUS, leaves Seattle July 11th, and is due here via Yokohama, Kobe and Manila August 15.

FROM CALCUTTA.

The s.s. ARRATOON APCAR, left Calcutta Apr. 25 and is due here May 10.

FROM BOMBAY.

The s.s. GHARINDA, left Bombay Apr. 25th and is due here May 10.

FROM MANILA.

The s.s. TYNDAREUS, leaves Manila June 13th and is due here via Yokohama, Kobe and Yokohama, June 24.
The s.s. IXION, leaves Manila July 25th and is due here via Yokohama, Kobe and Yokohama, July 31st, sailing for Seattle via Kobe and Yokohama, Aug. 5.
The s.s. PROTESILAUS, leaves Manila August 10th, and is due here via Yokohama, Kobe and Yokohama, August 25.

FROM SINGAPORE.

The s.s. EURYMACHUS, arriving from Singapore, leaves here for New York via Shanghai and the Panama Canal May 24.
The s.s. TELEMACUS, arriving from Singapore, leaves here for New York via Shanghai and the Panama Canal June 10.

FROM JAPAN.

The s.s. ORNA, left Kobe 1st, and is due here May 7.
The s.s. XELTUS, leaves Yokohama May 2nd, and is due here via Kobe and Shanghai, June 7th, and sails for London, Amsterdam and Hamburg, via Singapore, May 8.
The s.s. NORE, leaves Yokohama Apr. 20 and is due here via Kobe, Moji and Shanghai May 11.
The s.s. RHESUS, leaves Yokohama Apr. 24 and is due here via Kobe and Shanghai May 10, sailing for London May 11.
The s.s. MUTTRA, leaves Kobe May 6th and is due here May 12.

ARRIVALS.

May 7.
The s.s. CHENGTO, Brit., 1,325 tons, from Swatow, Capt. Leitch, C38.
The s.s. HEINCHANG, Chi., 1,258 tons, from Tientsin, Capt. Wallace, O. M. S. N. Co. C38.
The s.s. FLEUS, Brit., 4,800 tons, from Nagasaki, Capt. Reynard, B. & S. A2.
The s.s. CADDOPPEAK, Amer., 1,769 tons, from Saigon, Capt. Cottle, P. M. S. S. Co. C42.

CLEARANCES.

May 7.
The s.s. EURYMACHUS, (Brit.) cleared to day and will sail for New York via Singapore at 5 a.m. tomorrow.
The s.s. BENDORAN, (Brit.) cleared to-day and will sail for Yokohama via Kobe at 5 a.m. tomorrow.

DEPARTURES.

May 7.
The s.s. KAM YING FAT, (Chi.), Capt. Noronha, Agents Globe & Co., left for Yokohama and Fukuoka to-day.
The s.s. NELEUS, (Brit.), Capt. Ireland, Agents B. & S., left for Yokohama via Kobe to-day.
The s.s. YAROSLAVE, (Brit.), Capt. Hopwood, Agents J. M. & Co., left for Dantzig via Straits to-day.
The s.s. OZZO, (Ital.), Capt. Treco, Agents Strathairn & Dixon, left for New York via Kobe to-day.

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Tientsin—Per YACHUO MARU, 4 p.m.
Philippine Islands—Per PELEUS, 5 p.m.
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. Fushiki Maru (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 30th April and is expected here to-day.
The N.Y.K. s.s. Delagoa Maru (Hamburg Line) left Singapore for this port on the 3rd May and is expected here on the 9th May.
The E. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Lake Gilpin (Colombia Line) left Saigon on the 16th inst., and may be expected here on or about Monday 10th.
The N.Y.K. s.s. Tenzin Maru (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 14th May and is expected here on the 16th May.
The N.Y.K. s.s. Kashima Maru (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 3rd May and is expected here on the 11th May.
The E. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Venezuela left Shanghai on the 30th ult., for Manila and may be expected here on or about Tuesday May 11.
The G.P.O.S. Co.'s s.s. Methoon arrived at Yokohama on the 23rd April left there on the 34th April and is due at Vancouver on the 15th May.
The T.K.K. s.s. Tenyo Maru arrived at Yokohama on the 4th instant and is sailing on the 7th instant for Hongkong, being due here May 16th.
The N.Y.K. s.s. Inaba Maru (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 9th April and is expected here on the 16th May.
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